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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

HENDRIK-JAN HOUTHOFF et al.

Application No.: 10/739,457

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For: A METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING
A MYCOBACTERIUM SPECIES

Confirmation No. 9335

Examiner: Rodney P. Swartz

Art Unit: 1645

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 7, 2005, and the Notice of Appeal filed on October 8, 2005, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.